IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 6-11 with the following paragraph:

--An on-line call alert ("OCA") server 32 communicates with the SCP 16 and the Internet 24. The OCA server 32 includes information necessary for the OCA server 32 to communicate with the subscriber's computer 26 via the Internet 24 (such as an email address, the subscriber's Internet service provider or dial-up access 22, etc.) The IP 18 also includes this information sufficient for it to communicate with the subscriber's computer 26 via the Internet 24.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Amended Herein) A method for identifying a caller, the method comprising:

a)   receiving a call to a subscriber line having a device connected to a computer network;

b)   determining that the subscriber line is connected to the computer network;

c)   in response to said step b), prompting the caller to provide identification;

d)   receiving an audible identification from the caller; and

e)   providing the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line to the device.

5.   (Amended Herein) The method of claim 4 further including the steps of:

i)   detecting a trigger at the subscriber line in said step a);

j)   performing said step f) in response to said step i).

7.   (Amended Herein) The method of claim 1 further including the step of displaying a plurality of disposition options for the call via the subscriber line.

8.   (Amended Herein) A communication network comprising:

a service switching point (SSP) in communication with a subscriber line and generating a query in response to an attempted call by a third party to the subscriber line;

a service control point (SCP) receiving the query from the SSP, and in response to the query, generating a signal indicating how to process the attempted call; and

a programmable network computer receiving the signal from the SCP and requesting an audible identification from the third party and sending the audible identification to a user computer connected to the subscriber line via a computer network.

9.   (Amended Herein) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the programmable network computer records the audible identification.

10.   (Amended Herein) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the programmable network computer comprises an online call alert (OCA) server communicating with the SCP, the OCA server including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the programmable network computer sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

11.   (Amended Herein) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the programmable network computer is an intelligent peripheral (IP) sending the audible identification via the computer network to the subscriber line.

12. (Amended Herein) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the subscriber line is connected to the computer network and the audible identification is sent via the computer network to the subscriber line.

13. (Amended Herein) A communication network computer programmed to receive an audible identification from an originating subscriber line attempting a call to a terminating subscriber line and playing the audible identification to the terminating subscriber line via a computer network.

14. (Amended Herein) The communication network computer of claim 13 wherein the communication network computer requests the audible identification on the originating subscriber line.

15. (Amended Herein) The communication network computer of claim 13 wherein the communication network computer records the audible identification.

16. (Amended Herein) The communication network computer of claim 13 wherein the communication network computer comprises an online call alert (OCA) server communicating with a service control point (SCP), the OCA server including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the communication network computer sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

17. (Amended Herein) The communication network computer of claim 13 wherein the communication network computer is an intelligent peripheral sending the audible identification via the computer network to the terminating subscriber line.

18.   (Amended Herein) The communication network computer of claim 13 wherein the subscriber line is connected to the computer network and the audible identification is sent via the computer network to the subscriber line.

21.   (Amended Herein) The method of claim 20 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

22.   (New) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the programmable network computer comprises an intelligent peripheral (IP), the IP including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the IP sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

23.   (New) The communication network of claim 8 wherein the programmable network computer comprises an online call alert (OCA) server communicating with the SCP, the OCA server including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the OCA server sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

24.   (New) A method for identifying a caller, the method comprising:

a)   receiving a third party call to a subscriber line including a user computer connected thereto;

b)   prompting a third party caller to provide identification;

c)   receiving an audible identification from the third party caller; and

d)   providing a visual interface to the user computer via a computer network and the subscriber line to notify a user of the third party call.

25.   (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the computer network is the Internet.

26.   (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the visual interface comprises an Internet web page.

27.   (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the visual interface comprises a pop-up screen.

28.   (New) The method of claim 24 wherein the visual interface includes an option of playing the audible identification of the third party caller and an option of disconnecting the third party call.

29.   (New) The method of claim 28 wherein if the user selects the option of playing the audible identification of the third party caller, the method further comprises providing the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.

30.   (New) The method of claim 29 wherein providing the audible identification further comprises recording the third party caller audible identification and sending the recording of the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.

31.   (New) The method of claim 30 wherein the programmable network computer records the audible identification.

32.   (New) The method of claim 24 further comprising using a service control point (SCP) to instruct an online call alert (OCA) server to provide the visual interface to the user computer via the computer network.

33.   (New) A system for identifying a caller, the system comprising:

a service switching point (SSP) in communication with a subscriber line and configured to generate a query in response to an attempted call by a third party to the subscriber line;

a service control point (SCP) configured to receive the query from the SSP, and in response to the query, generate a signal indicating how to process the third party call; and

a programmable network computer configured to:

receive the signal from the SCP;

request an audible identification from the third party; and

send a visual interface to the subscriber line via a computer network indicating the third party caller, the visual interface including options for handling the third party call.

34.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the programmable network computing sends a notification message to the user computer via the visual interface.

35.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the visual interface comprises an Internet web page.

36.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the visual interface comprises a pop-up screen.

37.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the visual interface indicates that the third party caller identification is unavailable.

38.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the visual interface includes an option of playing the audible identification of the third party caller and an option of disconnecting the third party call.

39.   (New) The system of claim 38 wherein if a user selects the option of playing the audible identification of the third party caller, the system further comprises providing the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.

40.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the programmable network computer records the third party caller audible identification.

41.   (New) The system of claim 40 wherein the programmable network computer sends the recording of the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.

42.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the programmable network computer comprises an OCA server communicating with the SCP, the OCA server including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the programmable network computer sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

43.   (New) The system of claim 33 wherein the programmable network computer comprises an intelligent peripheral (IP), the IP including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, and wherein the IP sends the audible identification to the address associated with the subscriber line.

44.   (New) A method for identifying a caller through a computer network, the method comprising:

receiving a call from a third party to a first subscriber line;

determining the identity of the third party placing the call to the first subscriber line; and

notifying a user of the call from the third party by sending a message to a user computer connected to the computer network via a second subscriber line.